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SUBJ CANADIAN SAFEGUARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: LONG AWAITED GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS POLICY MADE IN HOUSE DECEMBER 20 BY MINISTER ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES MACDONALD. AS DEPARTMENT WAS INFORMED BY HUDSON/STEIF TELECON SAME DATE, THERE WERE NO SURPRISES OR MAJOR DEPARTURES FROM CANADIAN POSITION AS IT HAS EVOLVED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS AS REVEALED IN CONFIDENTIAL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. END CONFIDENTIAL

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MACDONALD'S SAFEGUARDS POLICY STATEMENT ESSENTIALLY ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT INTENTION TO
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IMPOSE IAEA SAFEGUARDS IN THEIR ENTIRETY ON ALL

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR TRANSACTIONS WHERE
SAFEGUARDS WOULD BE APPLICABLE. STATEMENT WAS BLUNTLY
EXPLICIT IN REQUIRING THAT THE SAFEGUARDS BE APPLIED
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ASSURE CANADIAN ASSISTANCE NOT
RPT NOT USED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
WHATEVERTHE STATED END-USE MIGHT BE, I.E. PEACEFUL
OR MILITARY. IN STATEMENT GOVERNMENT ALSO SPECIFICALLY
AUTHORIZED, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS, FOLLOWING
NUCLEAR PROJECTS, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO
HAVE BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR SOMETIME: ARGENTINA,
IRAN, KOREA, DENMARK, ROMANIA, UK, AND ITALY.

3. IN COMMENTING ON MINISTER'S STATEMENT, OPPOSITION
MEMBERS POINTED OUT (A) DIFFICULTY OF "SAFEGUARDING"
THE USE OF TRANSFERRED TECHNOLOGY, (B) DIFFICULTY IN ASSESSING
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY SAFGUARD SYSTEM, AND (C)
SUGGESTED THE DESIRABILITY OF ANY COUNTRY RECEIVING
CANADIAN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE BEING REQUIRED TO SIGN NPT.

4. FULL TEXT BEING AIRPOUCHED DEPARTMENT AND ALL INFO
ADDRESSEES. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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